

REMARKS

Claims 52-85 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Leffers for the helpful and courteous discussion held with their representative on June 26, 2003. During that discussion, amendments to the claims to overcome the rejections set forth in the Official Action dated March 26, 2003 were discussed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's helpful suggestions regarding such amendments. The amendments submitted above reflect the discussion with the Examiner.

In addition, the Examiner requested a statement that all restrictions on the public availability to the deposited material will be irrevocably removed on the grant of the patent from the present application. Accordingly, Applicants confirm that all restrictions on the public availability to the deposited material will be irrevocably removed on the grant of the patent from the present application.

The objections to the claims for the reasons set forth in the Official Action are believed to be obviated by the cancellation of the original claims.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

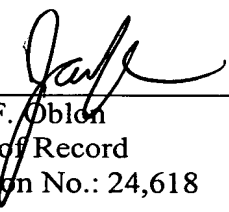
The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is believed to be obviated by the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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